

**V. REMARKS**

The drawing figures are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84 (p) (5) because the drawings include the reference character "29" that is not mentioned in the specification. The specification is amended as indicated above to incorporate the reference character "29" as shown therein. Thus, the specification is amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The drawing figures are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84 (p) (4) because the reference character "28" has been used to designate both a combination socket and ventilation windows. The specification is amended as indicated above to properly incorporate the reference character "29" as shown therein. Thus, the specification is amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The drawing figures are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84 (p) (5) because the drawing figures allegedly do not include the reference character "41". It is respectfully submitted that the reference character "41" is shown adjacent to the bottom of Figure 3. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's remarks regarding the claimed term "upside down". Applicants amend the claims 1 and 8 as indicated above. Applicants welcome the Examiner's further remarks in the event that this amendment is not satisfactory.

Claims 1 and 4-7 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Braun (U.S. Patent No. 5,711,328). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 as amended sets forth the feature that

*said signal transmitting means is disposed on said housing at a portion intermediate its height so as to transmit to said signal receiving means, said electric*

*signal actuating said operator head of said hair removing apparatus as well as said electric signal charging said hair removing apparatus.*

Thus, the combination of the signal transmitting means and the signal receiving means, both disposed intermediate the heights of the stand and the hair removing apparatus, functions not only to drive the operator head of the hair removing apparatus when the apparatus is held by the housing of the cleaning system, but also to provide the electric current for charging the apparatus. With this arrangement, only the above combination of the signal transmitting means and the signal receiving means is responsible both for driving the operator head and for charging the apparatus, eliminating any other electrical interconnection between the apparatus and the housing of the cleaning system. Thus, the above distinguishing feature solves the technical problem as mentioned above.

In contrast, Braun fails to disclose that the apparatus is charged through the electrical interconnection located at the intermediate position with respect to the height of the hair removing apparatus (i.e., shaver). Braun teaches to use a switch means attached to the bracket upstanding from a casing, i.e., at the top of the casing of the cleaning device for supplying the current to the shaver, and use a reed switch disposed intermediate the height of the shaver for turning off the shaver, i.e., the reciprocating cutter after the cradle is drained, i.e., the cleaning liquid is removed from the cradle. Thus, the reed switch is responsible solely for turning on and off the shaver, and not for charging the shaver. In this sense, Braun necessitates two electrical interconnections, one by use of the switch means projecting on top end of the housing to cooperate with associated terminals at the lower end of the shaver, and the other by use of the reed switch at the intermediate portion with respect to the height of the shaver.

The above feature of the claimed invention gives a contribution over the prior art in order to make the whole system compact sufficient to be installed in a limited space, yet enabling to charge the hair removing apparatus as well as to drive the operator head during the cleaning cycle for enhanced cleaning efficiency.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper because the applied art fails to teach each and every element of claim 1, as now amended and discussed above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 4-7 depend from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Braun as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Urbush (U.S. Patent No. 3,659,180). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claim is allowable at least for the reasons claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features it recites.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Braun as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Toshiki (Japanese Patent No. 5234763). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claim is allowable at least for the reasons claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features it recites.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

On May 16, 2007, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement along with form 1449/PTO listing one (1) US patent document and two (2) foreign patent documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider each one of these references and, thereafter, send a copy of form 1449/PTO initialed by the Examiner to the Applicants' representative at the Examiner's earliest convenience. Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's efforts to accommodate this request.

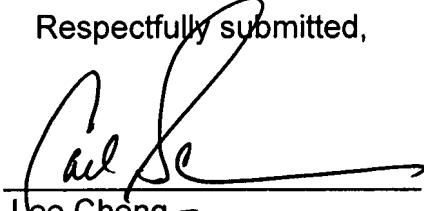
Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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